AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A fluororesin composition comprising a fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer and a carbon fibril,

wherein said fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer is a carbonyl group-containing one and

said carbon fibril amounts to 0.3 to 20% by mass relative to the total solid matter of said carbon fibril and said fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer.

- (original): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1,
 wherein the number of carbonyl groups is 3 to 3,000 per 1 x 10⁶ main chain carbon atoms in the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer.
- 3. (currently amended): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer is a polymer having a tetrafluoroethylene unit content of not lower than 40 mole%.
- 4. (previously presented): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer is a copolymer comprising tetrafluoroethylene and a perfluoro ethylenic monomer represented by the following general formula (I):

$$CF_2 = CF - Rf^1$$
 (I)

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wherein Rf^4 represents - CF_3 or $-ORf^2$ and Rf^2 represents a perfluoroalkyl group containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

- 5. (previously presented): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer is a copolymer comprising the following a, b and c:
 - a. 20 to 90 mole% of a tetrafluoroethylene unit,
 - b. 10 to 80 mole% of an ethylene unit and
 - c. 0 to 70 mole% of a perfluoro ethylenic monomer unit derived from the perfluoro ethylenic monomer represented by the following general formula (I):

$$CF_2 = CF - Rf^l$$
 (I)

wherein Rf¹ represents -CF₃ or -ORf² and Rf² represents a perfluoroalkyl group containing 1 to 5 carbon atoms.

- 6. (previously presented): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer is a polymer having a vinylidene fluoride unit content of not lower than 15 mole%.
- 7. (original): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 6, wherein the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer is a copolymer comprising the following d, e and f:
 - d. 15 to 60 mole% of the vinylidene fluoride unit,
 - e. 35 to 80 mole% of a tetrafluoroethylene unit and
 - f. 5 to 30 mole% of a hexafluoropropylene unit.

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8. (previously presented): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the carbon fibril comprises a fibrous matter having an outside diameter of 1 to 1,000 nm and a length (L) in the longitudinal direction-to-outside diameter (D) ratio (L/D) over 5.

- 9. (previously presented): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the carbon fibril comprises a carbon fibril flocculate.
- 10. (original): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 9, wherein the carbon fibril flocculate has an average particle diameter of 0.01 to 0.25 mm.
- 11. (previously presented): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, which comprises an inorganic filler as well as the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer and the carbon fibril,

said inorganic filler amounting to 3 to 50% by mass of said fluororesin composition.

- 12. (withdrawn): A fluorine-containing molded article which comprises the fluororesin composition according to Claim 1.
- 13. (withdrawn): A fluorine-based layer-containing laminatewhich has a fluorine-based layer comprising the fluororesin composition according toClaim 1.
- 14. (withdrawn-currently amended): A method of using the fluorine-based layer-containing laminate

which comprises using the fluorine-based layer-containing laminate according to Claim 13 in the presence of a liquid chemical, said liquid chemical being <u>in</u> contact with the fluorine-based layer.

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15. (withdrawn-currently amended): The fluorine-containing molded article according to Claim 12 which is to be <u>in</u> contact with a liquid when said fluorine-containing molded article is used.

16. (withdrawn-currently amended): The fluorine-based layer-containing laminate according to Claim 13,

wherein the fluorine-based layer is to be <u>in</u> contact with a liquid when said fluorine-based layer-containing laminate is used.

- 17. (withdrawn): The fluorine-containing molded article according to Claim 12, which is a piping tube for coatings, a transport tube for a drink and a liquid food, a chemical-transport tube or an auto fuel piping tube.
- 18. (withdrawn): The fluorine-based layer-containing laminate according to Claim 13, which is a piping tube for coatings, a transport tube for a drink and a liquid food, a chemical-transport tube or an auto fuel piping tube.
- 19. (new): The fluororesin composition according to Claim 1, wherein the number of carbonyl groups is not lower than 25 per 1 x 10⁶ main chain carbon atoms in the fluorine-containing ethylenic polymer.

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